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including a recent one from the hon. Member himself, have been received and carefully examined by Government. But the party is not entitled to a refund of a security duly forfeited under law."

Persons detained under the Preventive Detention Act.

* 1045 Q.—SRI G. RAMA RAO: Will the Hon. the Chief Minister be pleased to state—

(a) the number of persons who are still being detained by the Government under the Preventive Detention Act in jails;

(b) for what causes they are still being detained; and

(c) if there are none, what has become of Kothapalli Satyanarayana of Bhowtapalli village, Gudivada taluk, who was arrested and sent as a detenu to Cuddalore Central Jail in 1951?

THE HON. SRI C. RAJAGOPALACHARI:—" (a) No one is at present detained by the Government under the Preventive Detention Act.

" (b) Does not arise.

" (c) Sri Kothapalli Satyanarayana is not under preventive detention now. The order of detention against him was revoked on 12th July 1951 when he was in the Madras Mental Hospital for treatment. After release he has been detained in the Mental Hospital as a civil patient with reference to the orders of the Third Presidency Magistrate under section 15 of the Indian Lunacy Act, 1912. He is still a patient in the Madras Mental Hospital."

Prosecutions under the Removal of Civil Disabilities Act.

* 1046 Q.—SRI A. RATHINAM: Will the Hon. the Minister for Education be pleased to state how many persons have been prosecuted under the Removal of Civil Disabilities Act since its commencement?

THE HON. DR. M. V. KRISHNA RAO:—" Four hundred and twenty-one persons have been prosecuted so far under the Madras Removal of Civil Disabilities Act since its commencement."

Alleged re-employment of persons punished by the former Pudukkotlai Government.

* 1047 Q.—SRI V. BALAKRISHNAN: Will the Hon. the Chief Minister be pleased to state—

(a) how many persons dismissed or removed for corruption, suspicion, etc., from Pudukkottai State service by the former Pudukkottai State administration have been reinstated in service or the order of removal set aside by the Madras State Government after the merger; and

(b) the reasons for such action by the Madras Government?

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THE HON. SRI C. RAJAGOPALACHARI :—" (a) One person.

" (b) An ex-compounder in the General Hospital, Pudukkottai, was removed from service by the Pudukkottai State Authorities before the merger of the State for having been negligent in his duties. No enquiry had been held and he had not also been given an opportunity to explain. After merger he appealed to the Government for his reinstatement. The Madras Public Service Commission which was consulted in the matter by the Government recommended that the petitioner might be reinstated in service and that the period from the date on which he was relieved till the date of his rejoining might be treated as leave on loss of pay. The Government accepted the view of the Madras Public Service Commission and passed orders reinstating him."

Construction of parks and playgrounds for Harijans.

* 1048 Q.—SRI A. RATHINAM : Will the Hon. the Minister for Education be pleased to state how many parks and playgrounds were constructed in the cheris for the benefit of Harijans in the State as recommended in the Report of the Harijan Welfare Committee?

THE HON. DR. M. V. KRISHNA RAO :—" One park has been constructed in Siruvandeli cheri in South Arcot district. No other park or playground has been constructed in the cheris of any other district. In the City of Madras sites for parks and playgrounds have been reserved in four colonies."

Alleged killing of a patient in the Madras Mental Hospital.

* 1049 Q.—SRI K. P. GOPALAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Health be pleased to state whether it is a fact that on 1st January 1953 one Peria alias Naganna, a patient in Mental Hospital, Madras, was killed by two patients while they were all locked up in one cell?

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" The answer is in the affirmative. The incident took place on 31st December 1952."

Lease of Mangat paramba in Chirakkal taluk.

* 1050 Q.—SRI T. C. NARAYANA NAMBIAR : Will the Hon. the Minister for Land Revenue be pleased to state—

(a) whether the Government have received any representation recently regarding lease of Government poramboke Mangat paramba in Chirakkal taluk ; and

(b) if so, what action was taken?

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :— " (a) No.

" (b) Does not arise."